



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Gravel Bar Scotch Broom Removal

LOCATION: Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park **COUNTY:** Del Norte

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The purpose of this project is to remove exotic plants, mainly Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), from 5 gravel bars along the Smith River in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park that are infested with exotic plant species. An area of approximately 17 acres of Scotch broom will be treated.

When other invasive non-native plants are encountered within the project area during the Scotch broom removal efforts these plants will be mapped and removed. Exotic vegetation will be removed using hand tools (e.g. shovel, weed wrenches, Pulaski). Excavation will not exceed 24 inches. Care will be taken to minimize damage to the roots of native vegetation. Initial treatment and retreatment efforts will be performed by Park staff, volunteers, and contracted crews. All removed vegetation will be piled and burned or transported to an appropriate dumping area to be composted or burned at a later date.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into the Gravel Bar Scotch Broom Removal. A list of project-specific project requirements can be viewed by contacting the environmental coordinator listed below.

This project expands the treatment area approved under and supersedes the previous NOE (SCH #2013068299).

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:

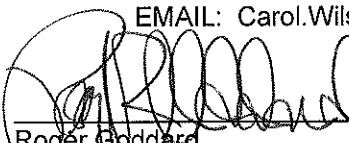
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4 Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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